

Table 6.01-- LAND OWNERSHIP, COVER, OR USE: 1982 TO 1997

[In thousand of acres. Based on sample data and subject to sampling variation. Small differences between reported values accordingly may not be statistically significant]

Land ownership, cover, or use	1982 1/	1987 1/	1992 1/	1997 1/
Total surface area	4,158.4	4,158.4	4,158.4	4,158.4
LAND OWNERSHIP				
Federal land 2/	321.5	388.0	389.7	361.2
Water area	52.5	52.6	52.4	52.4
Nonfederal land	3,784.4	3,717.8	3,716.3	3,744.8
Developed	149.2	153.1	172.9	179.7
Rural	3,635.2	3,564.7	3,543.4	3,565.1
LAND COVER OR USE				
Nonfederal rural land	3,635.2	3,564.7	3,543.4	3,565.1
Cropland	303.1	294.7	274.4	246.3
Cultivated	268.2	252.6	228.6	198.0
Irrigated	169.2	162.9	134.7	101.6
Nonirrigated	99.0	89.7	93.9	96.4
Noncultivated	34.9	42.1	45.8	48.3
Irrigated	8.6	11.0	23.9	21.8
Nonirrigated	26.3	31.1	21.9	26.5
Conservation Reserve Program land	-	-	-	-
Pastureland	41.0	33.8	36.1	35.9
Rangeland	1,006.1	996.4	1,011.7	1,008.7
Forest land	1,663.2	1,633.6	1,621.3	1,635.2
Other rural land	621.8	606.2	599.9	639.0
PRIME FARMLAND, BY COVER OR USE				
Total rural land	269.7	257.9	248.8	249.1
Cropland	185.9	180.6	169.6	150.0
Conservation Reserve Program land	-	-	-	-
Pastureland	19.5	15.0	15.6	15.5
Rangeland	38.1	37.4	36.6	43.6
Forest land	25.1	23.4	24.3	25.1
Other rural land	1.1	1.5	2.7	14.9

1/ Data for 1982 through 1992 revised based on 1997 publication. 1997 data revised December 2000.

2/ Includes ceded land; excludes leased land and submerged land.

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (formerly the Soil Conservation Service), *1997 National Resources Inventory*

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/NRI/1997/summary_report> accessed June 10, 2002.